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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/564,446

Applicants: Kentaro HANADA, et al.

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For: DRUG PROMOTING CERAMIDE TRANSPORT,
BASE SEQUENCE FOR PRODUCING THE DRUG,
METHOD OF MEASURING ACTIVITY OF
PROMOTING CERAMIDE RELEASE AND
METHOD OF MEASURING ACTIVITY OF
PROMOTING INTERMEMBRANE CERAMIDE
TRANSFER

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: MERTZ, PREMA MARIA

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Interview Summary Record

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

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SIR:

This paper is in regard to an Action mailed February 11, 2008, in which claims 1-15 were found to be subject to restriction.

Examiner Prema Mertz had been initially contacted by telephone on March 3, 2008, to inform her that claims 1-15 had previously been canceled in favor of new claims 16-30. She indicated that the Action would be withdrawn and a new Office Action prepared and mailed as soon as possible.

When contacted again on March 11, Examiner Merty indicated that a new Restriction Requirement had been prepared on March 3 and forwarded electronically to be transmitted to us. However, she could find no record in her computer records that the Action had been

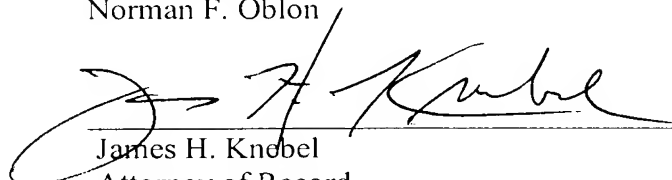
mailed or e-mailed to us. She also indicated that the prior Office Action had been withdrawn on that same communication.

As we now understand it, a response to the original Office Action will not become due on March 12, 2008, in view of the withdrawal or intention to withdraw the February 11, 2008, Office Action.

We expect to receive in short order a new Office Action restricting the new claims 16-30 and will respond to that new action when it becomes due.

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